continuous process subject to operational feasibility, resource availability and traffic justification. Introduction of new services in Howrah-Bargachia section is presently not proposed on account of operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

Running of Railway Trolley Passenger

4004. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the railway trolley passenger of the Western Railway in Rajkot Division runs between Rajkot to Khambhaliya and Khambhaliya to Rajkot on broad gauge line and arrives at Khambhaliya at 10 p.m. and after halting there for eight hours departs from Khambhaliya in the morning for Rajkot;

(b) if so, whether it is not the misuse of diesel of trolley passenger by halting it for eight hours at Khambhaliya;

(c) if so, whether the public has demanded to extend it upto Dwarka railway station instead of halting it at Khambhaliya for all these eight hours so that the people get benefited by extending it upto Dwarka, the famous place of pilgrimage in the world;

(d) if so, the time by which the said trolley train is likely to be extended upto Dwarka;

(e) whether the Government have received representations, memoranda and letters from the Members of Parliament to extend the above train up to Dwarka;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken by the Government thereon along with the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) At present, no rail trolley passenger is running between Rajkot and Khambhaliya. However, 203/204 Mixed Fast Passenger is running between Viramgam and Khambhaliya which arrives Khambhaliya at 22.00 hrs.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Extension of 203/204 Mixed Fast Passenger upto Dwarka has been examined but neither found operationally feasible nor desirable due to inconvenient timings at Dwarka.

(e) to (g). Representation has been received from Shri Chandresh Patel, MP for extension of Rajkot-Khambhaliya trolley passenger upto Dwarka. There is no such proposal to extend 203/204 Mixed Fast Passenger upto Dwarka.

[English]

Agreement for Rail over Bridges

4005. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have entered into agreements with private entrepreneurs for replacement of railway crossings by high level rail over bridges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Income of Doordarshan/Akashvani by Advertisements/Serials

4006. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the income accrued to Akashvani and Doordarshan from advertisements, serials and other programmes during each of the last three years, till date; and

(b) the amount of profit in the total income, separately during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The gross revenue of Akashvani and Doordarshan from advertisements, serials and other programmes during each of the last three years, is as under :

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Akashvani	Doordarshan
1993-94	64.35	372.98
1994-95	64.39	398.02
1995-96	80.97	430.13
1996-97	47.10 (upto October, 96)	313.32 (upto November. 96)

(b) Akashvani and Doordarshan are not commercial organisations and therefore, the question of earning any profit does not arise.

Damage to Farmers land by KRC

4007. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the grave damage done to the farmers land by the Konkan

Railway Corporation contractors in village Kalay in South Goa;

(b) if so, whether any petition for payment of compensation has since been received by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Konkan Railway alignment does not pass through the village Kalay.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Serial on Freedom Fighters in Uttar Pradesh

4008. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast any serial based on the lives of the prominent freedom fighters in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from the State in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Thirteen proposals under commissioned category on the lives and achievements of freedom fighters from Uttar Pradesh have been received from outside producers based in that State. These proposals are under process.

[English]

Waiting List in Kerala

4009. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government is aware that thousands of applicants are on the waiting list for telephone connections at various Telephone Exchanges under Cananuore Secondary Switching Area in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details regarding the exchanges and the number of applicants on each of the exchanges; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expand the exchanges and to clear the backlogs within a short time?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details regarding the exchanges and the number of waiting applicants exchange-wise as on 30.11.96 is as per enclosed Statement.

(c) it is proposed to expand the switching capacity of exchange and add about 20000 telephone connections during '96-97 to clear part of the waiting list. The remaining waiting list will be cleared progressively during the next plan periods.

STATEMENT

Details of number of applicants in the waiting list in Cannanore Secondary Switching Area as on 30.11.96.

S.No.	Name of Exch.	Waiting List
1	2	3
1.	Achikanam	358
2.	Alacode	613
3.	Ambalathara	224
4.	Anjarakandy	2000
5.	Aralam	410
6.	Attenganam	414
7.	BPM-Baliapattam VI	1129
8.	BPM-Baliapattom VII	0
9.	Balal	211
10.	Bandadka	225
11.	Bedadka	395
12.	Beamandy	328
13.	CNN-Cannanore VI	4414
14.	CNN-Cannanore VII	0
15.	Chapparapadavu	269
16.	Cheemeni	414
17.	Chemperi	337
18.	Chengala	795
19.	Cherukunnu	1483
20.	Cherupuzha	534
21.	Cheruvancherry	184
22.	Cheruvathur	1210
23.	Chittarikkal	466
24.	Chittariparamba	197
25.	Delampadi	119
26.	Edakkad	1206